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In re Application of:

Walter C. Slater, et al

PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND
METHOD INCORPORATING
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Serial No. US 09/494,011

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1, 3, 33, 38 and 40 with the
following amended claims 1, 3, 33, 38 and 40. A marked-up version of the
amended claims is attached to the end of the response.

1. (Twice amended) A method of producing digital image
products in a photofinishing lab, the photofinishing lab having a plurality of
image obtaining devices for obtaining a plurality of digital images from multiple
customer orders, a plurality of digital output devices for providing a plurality of
digital image products based on the obtained digital images the method
comprising the steps of:

associating each obtained digital image with identification data;
sending each of said obtained digital images and their associated
identification data to a central processing unit, the central processing unit